

House Resolution 1890

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Sims of the 119th, Murphy of the 120th, Smith of the 122nd, and Frazier of the 123rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the formation of a youth advisory council in Augusta-Richmond County; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Brinkley Ruffin, son of the late trailblazing Judge John H. "Jack" Ruffin, set
4 forth an inspiring call to action that every citizen in Augusta-Richmond County seek to make
5 the world a better place, just like his father strived each day to do, by serving as a mentor to
6 at least one child; and

7 WHEREAS, some opportunities to mentor a child already exist, such as The Michael
8 Baisden One Million Mentors Tour coming to August-Richmond County due in large part
9 to the hard work of Minnesota Fattz and Cher Best; and

10 WHEREAS, there are still more than 15 million children who currently need mentors; and

11 WHEREAS, youth advisory councils have proven to be a great success inspiring young
12 people to be very proactive in their communities and helping to shape the future leaders of
13 the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, typically members of these important organizations are either area residents or
15 students of local middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools and are selected
16 through an open application process and interview session and serve for renewable one-year
17 terms; and

18 WHEREAS, a youth advisory council could be formed as a partnership by
19 Augusta-Richmond County and the Richmond County School District working with the state
20 Representatives and Senators representing the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County, with
21 the mission of mentoring youth, broadening the scope of youth leadership in the area through
22 volunteer service and initiatives directed toward allowing youth input into policy issues,

23 identifying issues of concern to youth, and participating in the development of positive
24 solutions for problems confronting youth.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that the members of this body encourage the governing authority of
27 Augusta-Richmond County and the Richmond County School District to work with the state
28 Representatives and Senators representing the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County to form
29 a youth advisory council and call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public
30 and private institutions, businesses, schools, and universities in our communities to support
31 such an effort.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Brinkley Ruffin,
34 Michael Baisden, Minnesota Fattz, Cher Best, Mayor Deke S. Copenhaver, the members of
35 the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, Superintendent Dr. Dana T. Bedden, and the
36 members of the Richmond County Board of Education.